

Athens, April 9, 1930.

Dear Roger,

I have just got your letter of March 17th, forwarded from Paris. Thanks for the comment about the Calvert system for teaching children; I think that I will take up with it.

If you have gotten anything out of my diary, it surprises me, but it cheers me on a road that is occasionally somewhat stony. You remember the famous blunder of misquotation that Taft made in addressing the girls at Vassar - he advised them, at the climax of a speech, to be: "like Cesar's wife, - all things to all men"! The difficulty with the diary is that one has no idea of who is reading it, and for what purpose.

J.B. Grant has been moving rapidly in the last three weeks. I only saw him for about an hour before he had to rush out and get a Soviet visa. I hope that I will see him again, as I was very much interested and attracted by him.

I have put one or two amusing stories in the diary, but I have just heard another which you may enjoy. One Jew says to another: "Where are you going?" - "To Cluj." - "You swindler! You tell me you are going to Cluj because you want me to think you are going to Jassy, ~~what~~ you are really going to Cluj! ". Also there is a mild and foolish variation of the well known Italian quotation which, I suppose, could be used when you hear somebody whistling at music which is suspiciously classical - "Si non e Verdi e Trovatore".

As a possessor of illustrious brothers, I also enjoyed the story of the Pharmacologist, Harnack, who got extremely sick of being asked in reverend tones whether he was the brother of the great Theologue. His consistent reply was: "No, von Harnack, the Theologue, is my brother"

Yours sincerely,

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